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## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 161**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to California Nurses Week 2010.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 161, as amended, Bonnie Lowenthal. California Nurses Week 2010.

This measure would proclaim May 9 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The registered nurses of the California Nurses  
2 Association, United Nurses of America, Nurse Alliance of  
3 California, National Nurses United, and other nursing organizations  
4 are committed advocates for each and every patient; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association was founded  
6 in 1903, as the first organization to represent nurses in California;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past 107 years, California nurses have  
9 achieved lifesaving gains in patient care and patient safety  
10 conditions for all Californians through sponsored legislation, public  
11 regulation, and collective action in patient care settings; and

12 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association has played an  
13 instrumental role in the creation of National Nurses United in 2009,  
14 bringing together 150,000 nurses from every state to promote  
15 patient advocacy across the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, California nurses have displayed great humanitarian  
17 spirit with their efforts to help care for the patients and nurses of  
18 Haiti in the aftermath of that nation's devastating earthquake; and

19 WHEREAS, California nurses worked for many years to achieve  
20 the nation's first safe registered nurse-to-patient ratio law that  
21 studies have documented to reduce patient mortality in California  
22 hospitals and help mitigate the nursing shortage; and

23 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, United Nurses  
24 of America, Nurse Alliance of California, National Nurses United,  
25 and other nursing organizations provide a powerful and effective  
26 collective voice for registered nurses; and

27 WHEREAS, The safe, high-quality health care services provided  
28 by registered nurses somehow touch the lives of every single person  
29 in California; and

30 WHEREAS, Nationally, May 6 through 12 is recognized as  
31 National Nurses Week 2010, and nurses working in all areas of  
32 health care in California will commemorate May 9 through 15 as  
33 California Nurses Week 2010, in celebration of all nurses working  
34 throughout California's health care system to provide safe,  
35 high-quality patient care and patient services; now, therefore, be  
36 it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May 9  
39 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010, in recognition of the  
40 many contributions that all nurses have made to improve the health

1 and safety of all Californians and to express deep appreciation to  
2 all of the state's nurses during that week and throughout the years  
3 to come; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Legislature asks all Californians to join in  
5 honoring all nurses who provide the highest quality health care  
6 services to the public; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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